

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LABOUR
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2312
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RESCUE OF BONDED LABOURERS
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Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

- (a) whether seventy bonded labourers were rescued at Khajurala village in Punjab;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken against the guilty persons?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MUNI LALL)

(a) & (b): Yes Sir. Forty bonded labourers engaged in the construction of a cold storage at village Khajurala, District Kapurthala in Punjab have been rescued.

(c): F.I.R. was registered against two persons accused in the matter, under the relevant sections of the Indian Penal Code, 1860, the Bonded Labour System (Abolition) Act, 1976 and the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989. Both the accused were arrested and later released on bail.